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	Examiner	Art Unit
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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 August 2007.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 15-31 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 27-31 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 15-23,27 and 28 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 24-26 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 22 July 2005 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner. Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a). Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: Attachment A.

DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the L-shaped slot must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as “amended.” If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either “Replacement Sheet” or “New Sheet” pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 15-23 and 27-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by British Patent Number 2,371,597 to Farrar et al.

Farrar et al. disclose an apparatus for releasing a magnetic security device (figure 6A), the apparatus having a first portion (bottom surface of slot 1) for locating an article (2) in a first direction and a second portion (rear surface of slot 1) for locating the article in a second direction substantially perpendicular to the first direction, the first and second portions forming a slot (1) for receiving the article but physically restraining the article in the first and second directions as it is brought into contact with the first and second portions, while leaving the article the article unrestrained in at least a third direction substantially perpendicular to the first and second directions (the first and second portions providing alignment of an article in the vertical and the fore and aft directions while allowing the article to be unrestrained in the lateral direction), at least one of the first and second portions including magnetic release means (8 and 9) arranged to assist in locating an initially misaligned article into alignment in the third direction by magnetic attraction of the security device as the article is brought into contact with the at least one of the first and second portions (page 3, line 1-page 4, line 16), the magnetic release means being arranged to provide a first magnetic force (via element 8) in a first direction and a second

magnetic force (via element 9) in the second direction for releasing a magnetic security device

(3) from the article, as in claim 15.

Farrar et al. also disclose the first portion defines a first plane (plane defined by the first portion) and the second portion defines a second plane (plane defined by the second portion) substantially perpendicular to the first plane (figure 3A), as in claim 17, in which the first and second planes define a slot (1) having a substantially L-shaped cross-section (figure 3A), as in claim 18, as well as the first and second portions respectively comprise a base portion (bottom surface of slot 1) and a top portion (rear surface of slot 1) upstanding therefrom, as in claim 19, wherein the first and second portions are connected together by means of at least one mutually engageable projection and recess (the corner defining the transition between the bottom surface and the rear surface), as in claim 20, and a method of releasing a magnetic security device comprising the steps of providing apparatus in claim 15 (page 2, lines 9-23) and presenting an article with a magnetic security device thereto to release the magnetic security device therefrom (page 3, line 1-page 4, line 16), as in claim 28.

Farrar et al. further disclose a first magnet (8) mounted in the first portion provides the magnetic force in direction and a second magnet (9) mounted in the second portion provides the magnetic force in the second direction, as in claim 21, in which at least one of the first and second magnet comprises a plurality of parts (page 3, lines 13-19) which are held together in a configuration in which they tend to repel each other (page 2, lines 22-23; as the magnets are positioned orthogonal to each other, the magnetic force repels each other), as in claim 22, where at least one of the first and second magnets comprise a central part (8) with a plurality of further

parts (9) adjacent thereto, the magnetic axes of each of the further parts being perpendicular to that of the central part (page 2, lines 22-23), as in claim 23.

Farrar et al. additionally disclose an apparatus for releasing a magnetic security device (figure 6A), the apparatus having a first portion (bottom surface of slot 1) for locating an article (2) in a first direction and a second portion (rear surface of slot 1) for locating the article in a second direction substantially perpendicular to the first direction, so as to provide an L-shaped slot or receptacle (figure 3A; as defined by the bottom and rear surface, the L-shaped slot or receptacle is formed by the two substantially perpendicular surfaces) for restraining the article in the first and second directions as it is brought into contact with the first and second portions (the first and second portions providing alignment of an article in the vertical and the fore and aft directions while allowing the article to be unrestrained in the lateral direction), while leaving the article unrestrained in at least a third direction (the lateral direction to the vertical and fore and aft directions) substantially perpendicular to the first and second directions, the L-shaped slot being capable of receiving articles of a wide range of shapes and sizes (page 2, lines 3-8) having a security device (3) installed adjacent two substantially perpendicular sides thereof (figure 3A), at least one of the first and second portions including magnetic release means (8 and 9) arranged to provide a first magnetic force (via magnet 8) in the first direction and a second magnetic force (via magnet 9) in the second direction for releasing a magnetic security device (3) from the article, as in claim 16.

Farrar et al. also disclose at least one of the first and second portions including magnetic release means (8 and 9) arranged to assist in locating the article in a third direction substantially

perpendicular to the first and second direction by magnetic attraction of the security device as the article is brought into contact with the at least one of the first and second portions so as to align the magnetic security device with the magnetic release means (page 3, line 1-page 4, line 16), as in claim 27.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 29-31 are allowed.

Claims 24-26 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The claims are allowable over the prior art of record because the teachings of the references taken as a whole do not teach or render obvious the combination set forth, including that of a closure means that prevents an article from being presented to the magnetic release means.

Response to Arguments

Assuming arguendo to the drawing objections, the examiner takes the stance that a slot is defined as a narrow opening or groove, or a narrow passage or enclosure (see Attachment A), where in the current drawing there is no "slot" shown, though there is a void defined by the two perpendicular portions.

Applicant's arguments filed August 22, 2007 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. In regards to the argument that Farrar does not teach an apparatus that includes a slot

for receiving an article and restraining the article in first and second directions, while leaving the article unrestrained in a third direction perpendicular to the first and second, the examiner respectfully disagrees. Farrar discloses the first and second portions providing alignment of an article in the vertical and the fore and aft directions while allowing the article to be substantially unrestrained in the lateral direction, allowing for various sizes and shapes of articles, as shown in figure 6A where the article is capable of moving laterally within the slot.

Regarding the argument that Farrar does not disclose a magnetic release means arranged to assist in locating a misaligned article into alignment in the third direction, the examiner respectfully disagrees. Farrar discloses the article being physically restrained in only the first and second directions, the fore and aft directions, and the vertical direction, as it is brought into contact with the first and second portions, bottom surface of slot 1, rear surface of slot 2. Where the magnetic attraction between the magnets, 8 and/or 9, and the magnetic security device is sufficient to ensure the article is located in the lateral direction, the lateral direction to the vertical and fore and aft directions, with the magnetic security device in alignment with the first and/or second magnets, 8 and 9, if the article is presented in approximate alignment.

In regards to the argument that Farrar does not disclose an L-shaped slot or receptacle for restraining the article in first and second directions, while allowing the article unrestrained in a third direction perpendicular to the first and second, the examiner respectfully disagrees. Farrar discloses an opening that is defined by a vertical rear surface and a horizontal bottom surface that align an article in the first and second directions, while allowing movement in a lateral third direction. Where the L-shaped slot or receptacle is formed by two substantially perpendicular surfaces.

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christopher Boswell whose telephone number is (571) 272-7054. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 - 4:00 M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Patricia Engle can be reached on (571) 272-6660. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Christopher Boswell
Examiner
Art Unit 3673

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November 1, 2007



Suzanne Dino Barrett
Primary Examiner

ATTACHMENT A

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piece of paper 3 : a young and slender person (a ~ of a girl) 4 : a long seat or narrow pew
 'slip vt slipped; **slipping** (1530) : to take cuttings from (a plant) : divide into slips (a ~ a geranium)
 'slip n [ME *slip* slime, fr. OE *slīpan* to slip — more at *SLEVE*] (1640) : a mixture of finely divided clay and water used by potters (as for casting or decorating wares or in cementing separately formed parts)
 'slip-case 'slip-,cas\ n (ca. 1925) : a protective container for books or magazines that has one open end — **slip-cased** \,kăst\ adj
 'slip-cover 'slip-,kə-vər\ n (1886) : a cover that may be slipped off and on; **specif.** : a removable covering for an article of furniture
 'slip-form 'slip-,fōrm\ vt (1962) : to construct with the use of a slip form
 'slip form n (1949) : a form that is moved slowly as concrete is placed during construction (as of a building or pavement)
 'slip-knot 'slip-,nōt\ n (1659) : a knot that slips along the rope or line around which it is made; esp. : one made by tying an overhand knot around the standing part of rope — see *KNOT* illustration
 'slip noose n (1847) : a noose with a slipknot
 'slip-on 'slip-,ōn, -ān\ n (1815) : an article of clothing that is easily slipped on or off; as: a glove or shoe without fastenings b : a garment (as a girdle) that one steps into and pulls up c : **PULLOVER**
 'slip-over 'slip-,ōvər\ n (1917) : a garment or cover that slips on and off easily; **specif.** : a pullover sweater
 'slip-page 'slip-,pāj\ n (1850) 1 : an act, instance, or process of slipping 2 : a loss; transmission of power; also : the difference between theoretical and actual output (as of power)
 'slipped disk n (1942) : a protrusion of one of the cartilage disks between vertebrae with pressure on spinal nerves resulting in low back pain or sciatic pain
 'slip-per 'slip-,pər\ adj [ME, fr. OE *slipor*; akin to MLG *slipper* slippery, *slippen* to slip] (12c) **chiefly dial.** : **SLIPPERY**
 'slipper n [ME, fr. *slipper* to slip] (15c) : a light low-cut shoe that is easily slipped on the foot — **slippered** \,pōrd\ adj
 'slip-pery 'slip-,pērē\ adj **slip-per-i-er**; **est** (alter. of ME *slipper*) (ca. 1500) 1 a : causing or tending to cause something to slide or fall (as ~ roads) b : tending to slip from the grasp 2 : not firmly fixed; **UNSTABLE** 3 : not to be trusted: **TRICKY** — **slip-per-i-ness** n
 'slippery elm n (1748) : a large-leaved elm (*Ulmus rubra* syn. *U. fulva*) of eastern N. America that has hard wood and fragrant mucilaginous inner bark; also: the bark
 'slip-py 'slip-,pē\ adj **slip-per-i-er**; **est** (1548) : **SLIPPERY**
 'slip ring [slip] (1898) : one of two or more continuous conducting rings from which the brushes take or to which they deliver current in a generator or motor
 'slip-sheet 'slip-,shēt\ vt (ca. 1909) : to insert slip sheets between (newly printed sheets)
 'slip sheet n [slip] (1903) : a sheet of paper placed between newly printed sheets to prevent offsetting
 'slip-shod 'slip-,shōd\ adj [slip] (1580) 1 a : wearing loose shoes or slippers b : down at the heel: **SHABBY** 2 : CARELESS, SLOVENLY
 'slip-slop 'slāp\ n [redupl. of *slip*] (1675) 1 **archaic** : watery food : **SLOPS** 2 : **archaic** : shallow talk or writing — **slip-slop** adj
 'slip-sole 'sōl\ n (ca. 1908) 1 : a thin insole 2 : a half sole inserted between the insole or welt and the outsole of a shoe to give additional height — called also **slip tap**
 'slip stitch (ca. 1882) 1 : a concealed stitch for sewing folded edges (as hems) made by alternately running the needle inside the fold and picking up a thread or two from the body of the article 2 : an unworked stitch; esp. : a knitting stitch that is shifted from one needle to another without knitting it
 'slip-stream 'slip-,strēm\ n (1913) 1 : a stream of fluid (as air or water) driven aft by a propeller 2 : an area of reduced air pressure and forward suction immediately behind a rapidly moving vehicle
 'slipstream vi (1957) : to drive in the slipstream of a vehicle
 'slip-up 'slip-,up\ n (1854) 1 : MISTAKE 2 : MISCHANCE
 'slip-up vi (1909) : to make a mistake: **BLUNDER**
 'slip-ware 'slip-,war, -wər\ n (1883) : pottery coated with slip to improve or decorate the surface
 'slip-way 'slip\ n (1840) : an inclined usu. concrete surface for a ship being built or repaired
 'slit 'slit\ n [ME, fr. *slitten*] (12c) : a long narrow cut or opening — **slit** adj — **slit-less** \,slit-,ləs\ adj
 'slit vt **slit**; **slitting** [ME *slitten*; akin to OHG *slīzan* to tear apart, OE *scill* shell — more at *SHELL*] (14c) 1 a : to make a slit in b : to cut off or sever: **SEVER** c : to form into a slit 2 : to cut into long narrow strips — **slitter** n
 'slither 'slī-thər\ vb [ME *slideren*, fr. OE *slidrian*, freq. of *slīdan* to slide] vi (bef. 12c) 1 : to slide on or as if on a loose gravelly surface 2 : to slip or slide like a snake ~ vt : to cause to slide
 'slithery 'slī-thē-rē\ adj (ca. 1825) : having a slippery surface, texture, or quality
 'slit trench n (1942) : a narrow trench esp. for shelter in battle from bomb and shell fragments
 'sliver 'slī-vər, 2 is u'slī-,vər\ n [ME *slivere*, fr. *sliven* to slice off, fr. OE *slīfan*; akin to OE *slæfan* to cut] (14c) 1 a : a long slender piece cut or torn off: **SPINTER** b : small and narrow portion (a ~ of land) c : **PARTICLE, SCRAP** (not a ~ of evidence) 2 : an untwisted strand or rope of textile fiber produced by a carding or combing machine and ready for drawing, roving, or spinning
 'sliv-er 'slī-vər\ vt **sliv-ered**; **sliv-er-ing** \,slī-və-rin, 'sliv-rin\ vt (1605) : to cut into slivers: **SPINTER** ~ vi : to become split into slivers
 'sliv-o-vita 'slī-və-vitə, 'slī-,vītə\ n [Serbo-Croatian *sljivojica*, *sljiva*, *sliva* plum; akin to Russ. *sliva* plum — more at *LIVID*] (1885) : a dry usu. colorless plum brandy made esp. in the Balkan countries
 'slob 'slāb\ n [Ir *slab* mud, ooze, slovenly person] (1861) : a slovenly or boorish person — **slob-blsh** \,slā-bish\ adj — **slob-by** \,bē\ adj
 'slob-bar 'slā-bar\ vb **slob-bar-ed**; **slob-bar-ing** \,bē-,brē\ [ME *slobber* to eat in a slovenly manner; akin to LG *slubben* to sip] vi (1733) 1 : to let saliva dribble from the mouth: **DROOL** 2 : to indulge the feelings effusively and without restraint ~ vi : to smear with or as if with dribbling saliva or food — **slob-bar-er** \,bēr\ n
 'slobber n (ca. 1755) 1 : saliva drooled from the mouth 2 : driveling, sloppy, or incoherent utterance — **slob-berry** \,slā-bēr\ adj

sloe 'slō\ n [ME *slo*, fr. OE *slāh*; akin to OHG *slāha* tree and *slāh* trident fruit of the blackthorn; also: BLACKTHORN] (bef. 12c) : the small dark reddish-brown fruit of the blackthorn tree
 'sloe-eyed 'slō-,īd\ adj (1867) 1 : having soft, dark bluish-black eyes 2 : having slanted eyes
 'sloe gin n (1895) : a sweet reddish liqueur consisting of brandy flavored chiefly with sloes
 'slog 'slāg\ vt **slog-ged**; **slog-ging** [origin unknown] vi (1824) 1 : BEAT 2 : to plod (one's way) perseveringly esp. against difficulties ~ vi 1 : to plod heavily: **TRAMP** ~ (slogged through the snow) 2 : to work hard and steadily: **PLUG** — **slog-ger** n
 'slog n (1888) 1 : hard persistent work 2 : a hard dogged tramp
 'slog-gan 'slō-gən\ n [alter. of earlier *slogorn* fr. Scrl. *slāg* to *slāgh* army, host + *gārm* cry] (1513) 1 : a war cry or rallying esp. of a Scottish clan 2 : a word or phrase used to express a characteristic position or stand or a goal to be achieved 3 : a brief phrase used in advertising or promotions
 'slog-gan-er 'slō-gə-nēr\ n (1922) : a maker or user of slogans
 'slog-her 'slō-hər\ n (1871) : a ganeer
 'slog-her-ize 'slō-hər-,īz\ vt **slog-her-ized**; **slō-her-ing** (1920) : to express as a slogan
 'sloop 'slōp\ n [D *sloop*] (1629) : a fore-and-aft-rigged boat with one mast and a single jib
 'sloop of war (1704) : a small warship with guns on only one deck
 'slop 'slāp\ n [ME *sloppe*, prob. fr. MD *slōp*; akin to OHG *slōp* to splash] (14c) 1 : a loose smock or overall 2 pl : short full breeches worn by men in the 16th century 3 pl : articles (as clothing) sold to sailors
 'slop n [ME *sloppe*] (15c) 1 : soft mud: **SLUSH** 2 : thin tasteless drink or liquid food — usu. used in pl. 3 : liquid spilled or splashed a : food waste (as garbage) fed to animals: **SWILL** 2 b : excreted body waste — usu. used in pl. 5 : sentimental effusiveness in speech or writing: **GUSH**
 'slop vb **slopped**; **slop-ping** vt (1557) 1 a : to spill from a container b : to splash or spill liquid on c : to cause (a liquid) to splash 2 : to dash out messily 3 : to eat or drink greedily or noisily ~ vi 1 : to stop to ~ (as the hogs) ~ vi 2 : to tramp in mud or slush ~ vi 3 : to become spilled or splashed 3 : to be effusive: **GUSH** 4 : to pass beyond or exceed a boundary or limit
 'slop basin n (1731) **Brit.** : **SLOP BOWL**
 'slop bowl n (1810) : a bowl for receiving the leavings of tea or coffee cups at table
 'slop-chest n [slop] (1840) : a store of clothing and personal requisites (as tobacco) carried on merchant ships for issue to the crew usu. as a charge against their wages
 'slope 'slōp\ adj [ME *slope*, adv., obliquely] (1502) : that slants; **SLANTING** — often used in combination **slope-sided**
 'slope vb **sloped**; **slop-ing** vt (1591) 1 : to take an oblique course 2 : to lie or fall in a slant: **INCLINE** 3 : GO, TRAVEL ~ vi 1 : to get into the night — Wolcott Gibbs ~ vi 2 : to cause to incline on slant — **slope**
 'slope n (ca. 1611) 1 : upward or downward slant of a line or degree of slant 2 : ground that forms a natural or artificial incline 3 : the part of a continent draining to a particular ocean (as Alaska's *North Slope*) 4 a : the tangent of the angle made by a straight line with the x-axis b : the slope of the line tangent to a plane curve at a point
 'slope-intercept form n (ca. 1942) : the equation of a straight line in the form $y = mx + b$ where m is the slope of the line and b is the y-intercept
 'slope $y = mx + b$ where m is the slope of the line and b is the y-axis through which the line passes
 'slop-pitch 'slō-pich\, -pich\ n [alter. of *slow pitch*] (1967) : **slow-pitch**
 'slop jar n (1855) : a large pail used as a chamber pot to receive waste water from a washbowl or the contents of chamber pots
 'slop pall n (1864) : a pail for toilet or household slops
 'slop-py 'slā-pē\ adj **slop-er-ier**; **est** (1707) 1 : wet so as to **slop** easily: **SLUSHY** (as a track) b : wet or smeared with or as if with something slopped over 2 : SLOVENLY, CARELESS: **SLASHED** (as a dress) ~ (as work) 3 : disagreeably effusive (as sentimentalism) ~ (as work) **slash-pa-ble** adj — **slop-pi-ness** n
 'sloppy joe 'slō-jō\ n [prob. fr. the name *Joe*, nickname for Joseph] (1901) : ground beef cooked in a thick spicy sauce and usu. served on a bun
 'slop-work 'slāp-,wōrk\ n (1849) 1 : the manufacture of cheap ready-made clothing 2 : hasty slovenly work
 'slosh 'slāsh\, 'slōsh\ n [prob. blend of *slop* and *slush*] (1814) 1 a : the **slop** or **splash** of liquid 2 : the **slop** or **splash** of liquid
 'slosh vi (1844) 1 : to flounder or splash through water, mud, or slush 2 : to move with a splashing motion (the water ~ed around him) — **Alcine** ~ vi 1 : to splash about in liquid 2 : to splash (a liquid) about or on something 3 : to splash with liquid
 'slosh vi (1844) 1 : to flounder or splash through water, mud, or slush 2 : to move with a splashing motion (the water ~ed around him) — **Alcine** ~ vi 1 : to splash about in liquid 2 : to splash (a liquid) about or on something 3 : to splash with liquid
 'slosh-est 'slāsh-,slosh-,ēst\ adj (ca. 1946) : **DRUNK, INTONICATED**
 'slot 'slōt\ n [ME *slōt*, the hollow running down the middle of the breast] (1523) 1 a : a narrow opening or groove: **SLIT, NOTCH** b : a narrow opening or opening in a door 2 a : a narrow passage or enclosure ~ vi 1 : to pass through the wing of an airplane or of a missile that is located just near the leading edge and formed between a main and an auxiliary airfoil for improving flow conditions over the wing 2 : a place or position in an organization or delay stalling of the wing 3 : a slot or position in an organization or sequence: **NICHE** 3 : **SLOT MACHINE** 4 : a gap between an end and a tackle in an offensive football line
 'slot w slotted; **slotting** (1747) 1 : to cut a slot in 2 : to place in or assign to a slot
 'slot n, pl **slot** [MF *esclot* track] (1575) 1 : the track of an animal (as a deer) 2 : an offensive football halfback who lines up just behind the slot between an offensive end and tackle
 'slot car n (1966) : an electric toy racing car with a pin underneath that fits into a groove on a track for guidance
 'slot 'slōt\, 'slāth also 'slōth\ n, pl **slots** ~ with the ths or the th\ [ME *slouthe*, fr. *slōw* slow] (12c) 1 a : disinclination to action or labor: **INDOLENCE** b : spiritual apathy and inactivity (the deadly sin of ~)
 'sloth 'slōth\ n (1966) : an electric toy racing car with a pin underneath that fits into a groove on a track for guidance

2 : of the slow-moving arboreal edentate mammals (as *Bradyus* and *Choloepus*), inhabit tropical Central America, hang from the branches back down so leaves, shoots, and fruits — compare THREE-TOED SLOTH
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